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AS A RULE, truth is not stranger than the kind of fiction that is manufactured to-day.

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EVERYWHERE the busy and industrious moth devours alike the sealskin sacque of the just and the unjust.

* * *

IN DEAR old moth-eaten Uncle David Bennett we fancy we plainly observe a mole-hill that would make a mountain of itself.

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IF READING, as some philosopher once remarked, makes a full man, we are just a bit curious to know of what that man's reading of the empty books of to-day makes him full.

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FROM ONE END of Boston, Massachusetts, to the other it is considered the very height of heresy, not to say sacrilege, to use the preferred, or even the common, table-bean as a missile for the bean-shooter.

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NOW THAT the baseball war is at an end for the time being in the courts, a patient, long-suffering public must try to be contented with the casual carnage that is served and dispensed on the twinkling diamond green.

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WHEN THE PLUMBER is in a high state of mental hilarity, and his fancy is running riot, and he is not quite certain where he is at, it may be safely assumed that he is just emerging from the misty mazes of a busted-pipe dream.

AS THE LABOR UNION has been denounced as the fiercest as well as the most diabolical trust extant, why would it not be a good idea to have Pierpont Morgan take it in hand with a view to reorganization, that it may look lovelier through the spectacles of capital?

* * *

THE LILAC blows and gleams and glows along the garden-fence; the bull-dog scoots and blithely toots with rapture that's intense. The grass is green where bluebirds preen and robin-redbreasts hop; the base-ball flies along the skies, the circus is on top. The lively moth devours the cloth and circles round the lamp, and terrapin sets all agrin the features of the tramp. The qui-nine pill doth gayly fill the farmer to the brim; amid the gush the whitewash brush begins to skip and skim. The lively colt begins to bolt the pasture with his dam; the oyster skates and abdicates in favor of the clam. And so we gayly skip and trip and somersault all day, and put to rout all care and shout, "Hip, hip! Hooray, hooray!"

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ADMIRAL DEWEY has said that a man to be eligible as presidential timber should be in the prime of life; and if President Roosevelt may be taken as a fair all-round specimen of a first-class success we feel that the hero of Manila bay knows whereof he talks. Acting on his suggestion, Hill, Johnson, Gorman, Cleveland, Watterson, Gumshoe Bill Stone, Olney, and the others that constitute the tall timber of Democracy, should lose no time in sprucing up and removing the causes of the alligator-skin and other ear-marks of senility that are already theirs. They should stop having birthdays and take to gymnastics and hair-dye, and indulge in mud-baths and in chasing themselves around the block of anticipation. Chest-weights should take the place of the divan, terrapin should be cast aside, and breakfast-food embraced at every opportunity. They are a pretty rickety old set of steeds, are these horses that are preparing for the Democratic race-track, and it would be well for the party managers to employ a competent staff of veterinary surgeons to count the rings on the teeth of each of the prospective starters, and look well after the other evidences of age and disintegration. And the candidates themselves should apply to the theatrical makers-up to decorate them as they do the Thespian relics that are made to look like sweet-girl graduates, although quite prehistoric as well as coeval with the jokes they so stridently utter.

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AS LONG as capital and labor exist the country will have a more or less lively fight on its hands, for the reason that, while they cannot pull along together, they cannot pull along apart. They are dependent upon each other for existence, and yet it often seems as if they would crush each other. They keep the kettle of business boiling and singing away in a style that lulls the tom-cat of hope and anticipation to pleasant dreams under the bright stove of prosperity, which is run with the hard coal of stubbornness and determination. But they should never let the pot boil over and scald the tom-cat of hope. As long as this stove holds out to burn properly the friends of capital, as well as the friends of labor, may turn somersaults of joy and look upon the two great factions as forming a combination that will keep all sorts and conditions of men, as well as the country, in a condition of eighteen-karat glee. Aunt Samuel is a good cook of arbitration, and may be relied upon to stand between these two unions in such a way as to bring about the results which mean welfare and a couch well supplied with silken pillows on the crest of the wave of good-fortune. Therefore let them fight it out and have all the fun and excitement that are yielded by a good, old-fashioned scrap. When trust meets trust then comes the tug of war that is interesting all round, and will not be followed by a pension-list when Aunty Samuel, the best of all cooks, does the arbitrating.

TWO DAYS OUT.

CAPTAIN—"Ah, these poor, sick bridal couples!"
PASSENGER—"Yes. What a bunch of business a divorce-lawyer could get here just now!"

A CATALOGUE OF MISFORTUNES.

"IT BEGAN," growled the morose manager of the traveling museum, "at Columbus. A streak of bad luck hit us there and has been following us ever since, in spite of all we can do to shake off the hoodoo. At Columbus the fat lady fell in love with the tattooed man and refused to eat, and now she has wasted away until we have to bill her as the living skeleton's twin sister. The tattooed man got absent-minded and walked out in the rain, so that the pictures on him all got wet, and the scene from the coliseum at Rome blended into a maze of colors that we have hard work convincing the audience is a moonlight storm at sea. Next stand—I think it was Dayton—the human ostrich got the society fad and went to one or two receptions just because he was invited out of curiosity, you might say. Ate a lot of lemon-ice and mayonnaise, or whatever they feed 'em at them five-o'clock teas, and twisted his stomach up so bad he can't swallow anything but wireless springs—and you can't work any Marconi racket on the up-to-date audience. Come along a stand or two further, and I believe it was in Wheeling where the two-headed girl got to talking back to herself, and I had to fire her for breaking the rule against quarreling among the freaks. This left the show pretty much crippled, but we opened in Cumberland to good houses, and got along all right until the Circassian princess loaned her wig to the lady Albino, who wanted to go to a masked ball. Had to fire 'em both, and "——

Here a boy rushed into the box-office and tugged at his sleeve.

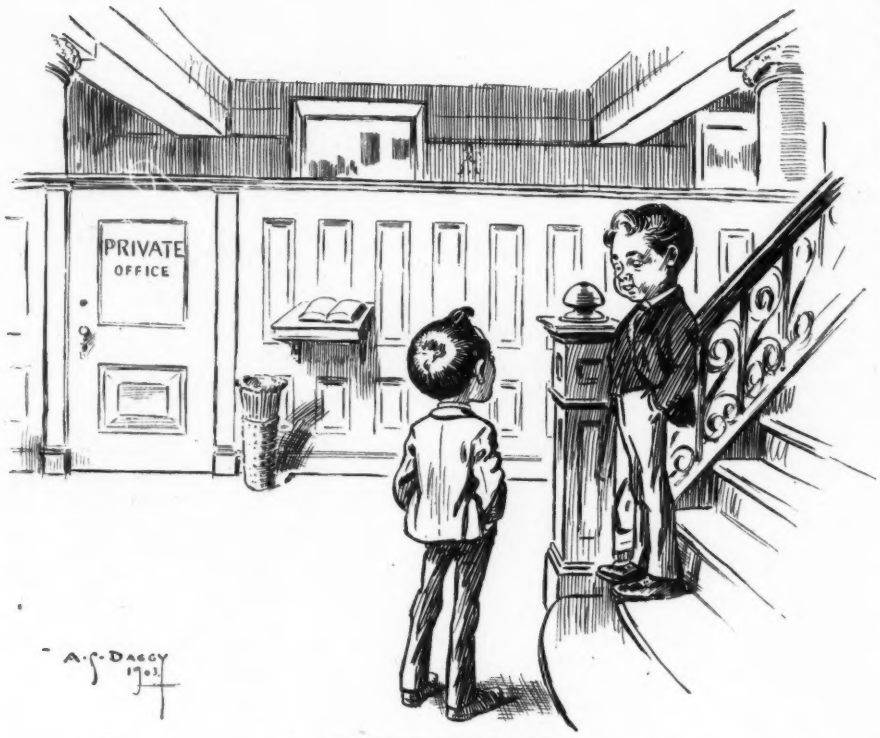
"What is it?" asked the manager.

"The human pin-cushion jest telephoned that he wouldn't be able to do his turn to-night."

"What's wrong with him now?"

"Says he stepped on a tack and can't put his foot on the floor."

HAVING ONE ON THE HOUSE.



A CLOSE OBSERVER.

FIRST OFFICE-BOY—"Why do yer t'ink de 'old man's' wife is in Europe?"
SECOND OFFICE-BOY—"Why, I jes' seen him put a cheque in a letter, swear like sixty, an' den put a five-cent stamp on it."

SAME PLACE.

PERMIT us to put in a word:
About the yachts we've reckoned,
And we believe that Shamrock third
Will still be Shamrock second.

AMBIGUOUS.

A FAITHFUL Irish maid called upon her former mistress, who had recently lost her mother.

"Och, mum!" Nora began, "an' th' shwate lady 's gone. Shure, Oi niver knowed it till a wake afther th' buryin'. She wuz loike wan av me own, an' "—with a fresh burst of tears—"there wa'n't nobody Oi'd rather hov seen dead than yure darlin' ould mother."

IF SLANG WERE EXACT.

"My mamma 's going to get me a new, real automobile for my birthday."
FERDINAND—"Oh——

——rats!"

JUDGE'S FAVORITES

NELLIE ADAMS IN "SULTAN OF SULU."

Oh, lovely rose, from Eden tost,
You'll e'er be proof against the frost!
No frost can blight those charms that we
Observe with thrills of ecsta-see.
They'll ever wear the smile of spring
And keep our fancies on the wing.
And make us feel as young alway
As you look smiling in the play.

AN ACQUIRED TASTE.

AT A luncheon to which little Mary and her mother were invited a peculiar kind of cake, new to the three-year-old, was served. After tasting it thoughtfully she said, "Mother, I wish you'd get the recipe for this."

"Why, darling?" said the gratified hostess. "Do you like it?"

"Not at all," answered the cherub decidedly; "but if mother 'd make it and make it I might learn to like it."

LETTER-PERFECT.

A GIRL who was awfully y's
Met an old man with love in his i's.
He fell on his knees
And said, "Marry me, please."
She soon did o. k. that lively old j
On account of his x's and v's.

A PIONEER.

WHEN Philetus Magoon opened his dry-goods establishment in Opolusville he at once advertised "Our first annual January sale of white-goods." In February he agitated the ladies with his "first annual sale of china." In March he had his "first annual sale of millinery." In April he held his "first annual sale of ribbons," and so on through the year. The next year he held a series of monthly "second annual sales."

OFF COLOR.

This went on for nearly ten years, when Mr. Magoon, by that time grown fabulously rich and known as the Opolusville merchant-prince, advertised in sweeping letters, "Culmination of a century of effort! Our one-hundredth annual sale! One hundred years of merchandising!" This attracted attention from the outside, and it was seen that Philetus Magoon was too good at figures to be permitted to waste his talent; so he was induced to accept the presidency of a trust which required that he construct two billion dollars in capital from assets consisting of one ocean, five reams of stock, and a broken typewriter. After that he had his own steam-yacht and builded a costly palace.

In this country there is no avenue that does not hold forth marvelous promise to the young man of ideas.

THE USUAL THING.

HE—"Oh, yes; I have written a few things."
SHE—"Indeed? And what is your 'pen-name'?"
HE—"'Dennis,' so far."

ACCOUNTED FOR.

OLD JONES (*savagely*)—"You are the most inefficient caddie I ever saw! Why don't you keep your eyes open?"
CADDIE—"Well, I ain't used to caddieing for married folks."

HER BALANCE OF TRADE.

"I SUPPOSE, dear," said Mrs. Greene to her husband, "if these saloon-keepers raise prices on account of the increased liquor tax you men will get even by taking smaller drinks."

Mr. Greene looked at her suspiciously, but made no immediate reply.

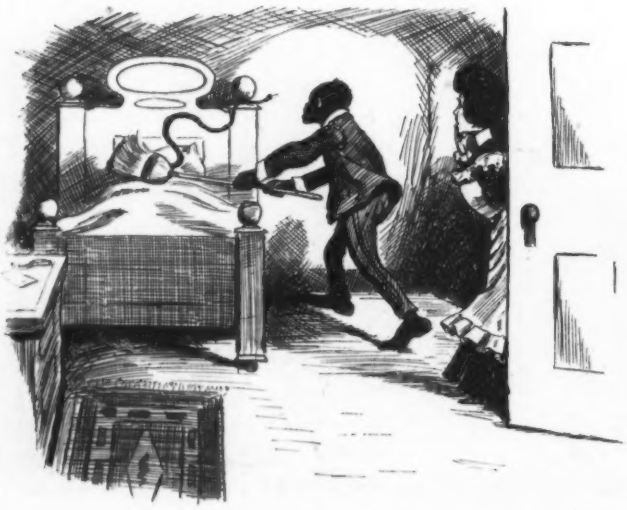
HER REASON.

THE MISTRESS—"But, Jeanette, why did you refuse him? You said he had a pot of money."
THE MAID—"Oui, madame: but I find out zat eet ees one lobstaire-pot."

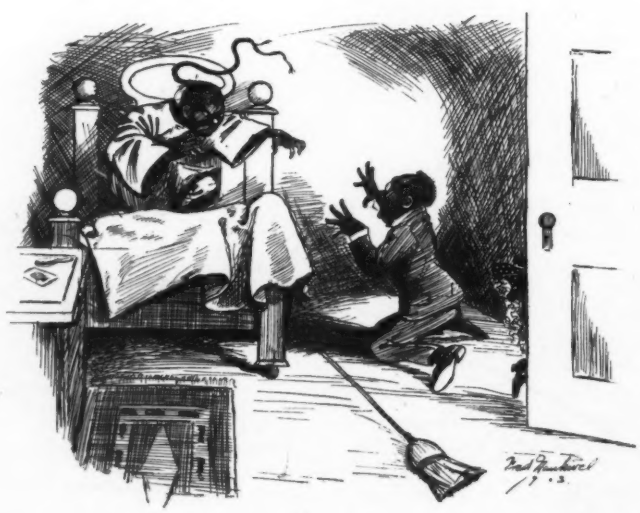
A HOTEL SCARE.

1.
"No one answers. This room must be vacant."

2.
"Oh, heavens! a serpent!"



3.
"Dean' yo' be skeered, miss. I's killed lots ob snakes." (*Biff! biff!*)



4.
"Forgive me, boss!"

THE LATEST.

WE MEET the disgruntled politician on the street. To our intense surprise, he wears a happy smile. Knowing as we do that he has been defeated on each of the party tickets at different times, and has also gone down ignominiously in the last campaign, when he headed an independent movement, we are somewhat surprised at his evident cheerfulness.

"Hello!" he cries. "I'm too busy to talk long. On my way to my headquarters."

"Headquarters?" we echo.

"Yep. Didn't you know I was on the ticket again this year?"

"Hadn't heard of it. Which party?"

"Brand new one."

"Brand new?"

ITS FINISH.

PENELOPE—"They say that chap Ethel is going to marry has all kinds of money."
BEATRICE—"Well, she won't do a thing but break up his collection."

"Sure! Greatest movement out. Idea struck me all of a heap day before yesterday. Organized the national health-food party. Platform provides that all health foods shall be issued at par with each other. Great! Simply grand! Bound to catch 'em all. And I'm the nominee for president in 1904. Want a running mate. What kind of health food do you eat?"

But we were dodging up the alley.

HER CREED.

"BUT, madam," we say to the lady who is attracting attention and exciting invidious comment by the risqueness of her remarks and the unconventionality of her actions, "do you not believe in a hereafter?"

"Sure I do!" she declares, winking knowingly. "But I draw the line on these people who believe in a past."

SIGNS OF THE SEASON.

THERE'S something that tells me
what moon is here
Without hunting signals to
see
What's come up the coast or what
glides down the pike,
Or consulting my dear old m.d.

I reckon, when lying awake in the
night,
A-waiting for slumber to bring
Surcease with an "s" that's as
long as a snake,
That the season on deck must
be spring.

BECAUSE

I hear the old voices on sidewalk
and street,
And I hear in a friendship in-
tense
The peddler and huckster and
grass-cutter greet
The old tom-cat that yawps on
the fence.

IF WE could only deceive others as easily as we deceive ourselves, what great reputations we would have!

HOW SHE MANAGES IT.

"Jack and I are going to Hot Springs."
"How do you manage it? I cannot get Tom to go anywhere."
"Very simple. I just say mother 's coming and he'll travel any distance."

THE REAL THING.

"Has your oil-company many 'gushers'?"
"Well, say! we've got a couple of 'dandies'—writing advertisements for us."

SPRING SONG.

THE spring, the spring, the beauteous spring
(That's good for a beginning),
I sing, I sing, I joyfully sing
(That line 's especially winning).
The trees, the trees, the leafy trees
(Not even a bud is showing);
The breeze, the breeze, the balmy breeze
(A beastly gale is blowing).

The birds, the birds, the mating birds
(Jove! I'm a born romancer),
The herds, the herds, the lowing herds
(Old Casey's goat must answer).
The flowers, the flowers, the fragrant flowers
(Worth more'n your soul and body),
The showers, the showers, the gentle showers
(Mud, slush, quinine and toddy).

The grass, the grass, the green, green grass
(A foot of snow lies on it).
A lass, a lass, a bonny lass
(She'd freeze in a sun-bonnet)—
'Tis hopeless thing! Afar I fling
My pen and ink—I mean it.
Why try to sing the beauteous spring
When one has not yet seen it?

TRUMAN ROBERTS ANDREWS.

WHAT HE LOST.

SHAKESPEARE was reading the latest news.

"He's a fellow getting a dollar a word!" he exclaimed.

"Too bad!" returned Johnson. "Just think what I'd have gotten at that rate."

Determined to have the last word any way, he returned to his dictionary.

FABLE OF THE TWO GIRLS.

ONCE there was a little girl who was always saying naughty things, and a wise fairy cast an enchantment upon her, so that each time she spoke noxious lizards, snakes, toads and other reptiles seemed to leap from her mouth.

And there was another little girl who was always saying nice things, and the same wise fairy so wove her spells that diamonds and rubies and money fell from this girl's mouth when she would talk.

And what became of these girls?

The first one was engaged by an astute dime-museum manager and became fabulously rich.

The second one was gobbled up by a trust that made her talk herself to death.

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

CHAMELEON LOVER—"Ah, my darling! what a beautiful green you blush!"

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DAME DEMOCRACY—"SPRUCE UP, BOYS, AND

"The Presidency in these days seems to require a man in the prime of life. Some of the possible can

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YS, AND LOOK AS YOUNG AS POSSIBLE!"

e of the possible candidates mentioned, it seems to me, are too far advanced in years."—*Admiral Dewey.*

1.
CAPTAIN FRANKFURTER—"Ach, Sir Valter, vell met! I haf yust comed me from Rotterdam. Let me presentation you mit dis lofely cheese."

2.
SIR WALTER RALEIGH—"Thanks, captain. I'll put it in my cloak-pocket and remember you when I eat it."

3.
SIR WALTER—"Ah, here's where I get busy and make a hit!"

4.
SIR WALTER—"Permit me, your most gracious majesty."

5.
THE CHEESE—"Squash!"
ELIZABETH—"Oh, I faint! To the tower with the villain!"

6.
SIR WALTER—"Oh, just wait till I get out of here! I'll assassinate that Dutch captain."

THAT SIR WALTER RALEIGH-QUEEN ELIZABETH CLOAK EPISODE—A SIDE-LIGHT ON ENGLISH HISTORY.

"Some folks say," remarked the newly-blossomed strawberry blonde, "that dyeing the hair injures the brain."

"Yes," rejoined the hardened old bachelor; "and some other folks say that people who dye their hair are brainless."—*Chicago News.*

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"But we haven't a cockroach in the house," interrupted the woman at the door.

"Well, you will have in a few days, ma'am. They've got them next door to you. I sold a package of this preparation there, and it always drives 'em to the neighbors."—*Chicago Tribune.*

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A whale in the pantry is worth two in the sea.

Many an honest heart beats beneath a sealskin jacket.

It is a long polar expedition that has no turning.

It takes a good man to stand in a slippery place.

Never look a gift walrus in the teeth.

Where there is so much grease there must be some blubber.—*Chicago Tribune.*

"Haste thee, nymph, and bring with thee Jest and youthful Jollity"—*Milton*—and a bottle *Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Champagne.*

Citizen—"When you were running for the place you were full of promises of what you would do for the public; now you don't seem to care a penny for the public."

Legislator—"When I said I was ready to do anything the public wanted I thought my election was what the public desired. They've got that, and now they want a lot of other things. It looks as though the public would never be satisfied."—*Boston Transcript.*

"Yes," said the sad-eyed waiter, "she has gone away. I don't think anybody will miss her much more than I do. She had the sweetest voice I ever heard—and it never sounded sweeter than it did the last time she addressed me."

He paused and the head waiter eyed him sympathetically.

"What did she say?" he inquired.

"She said 'Keep the change.'"—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

"And you won't rent the rooms to us because we have a child?"

"Sorry, ma'am, but we can't admit children into this apartment house."

"You seem to have forgotten that you were once a child yourself."

"Yes; but that was before the day of apartment-houses, ma'am."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

"I have here," said the industrious book-agent, "a volume which is especially helpful to business men. I'm certain it would benefit you if"——

"Can you mention any business man it has benefited?" broke in the skeptical one in the office chair.

"Sure. There's me, for instance. I get a big commission."—*Kansas City Journal.*

Guy—"Yes, she's beautiful; she has the face of an angel—and the heart of a fiend."

Don—"Oh, come, now, you can't mean that. She hasn't a fiend's heart. Why do you say such a thing?"

Guy—"Why, I know the chap. It's Ben Puffer, the worst cigarette fiend in our club."—*Kansas City Journal.*

"Well," said the president of the South American republic, "has the revolution been suppressed?"

"Yesterday's has," replied the secretary of war, "but the nine-o'clock revolution of this morning is still on. We've captured one of the revolutionists, but the other is still at large."—*Philadelphia Press.*

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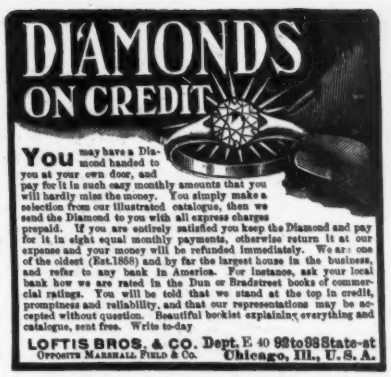

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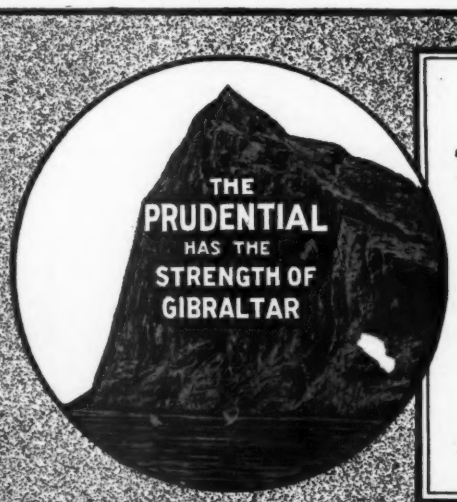

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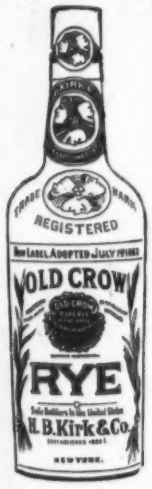

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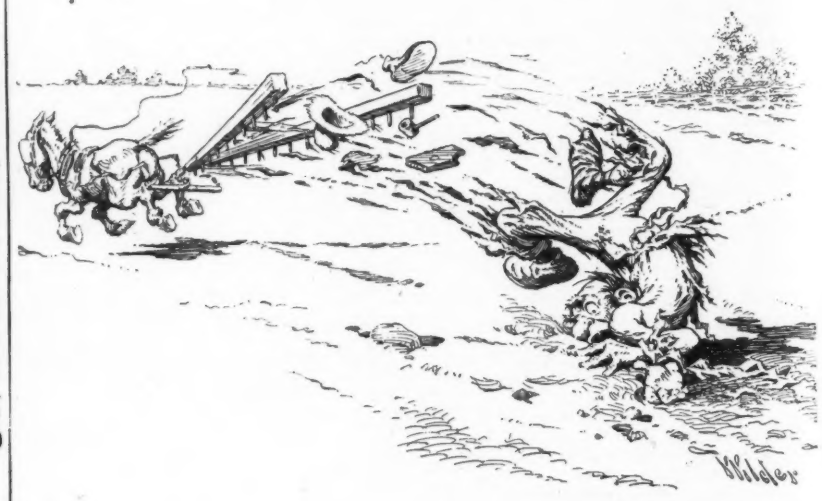

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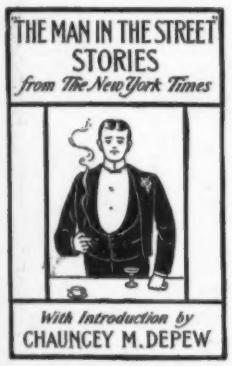

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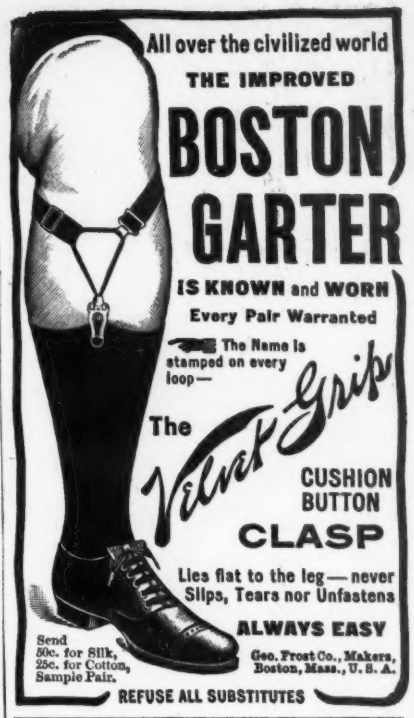

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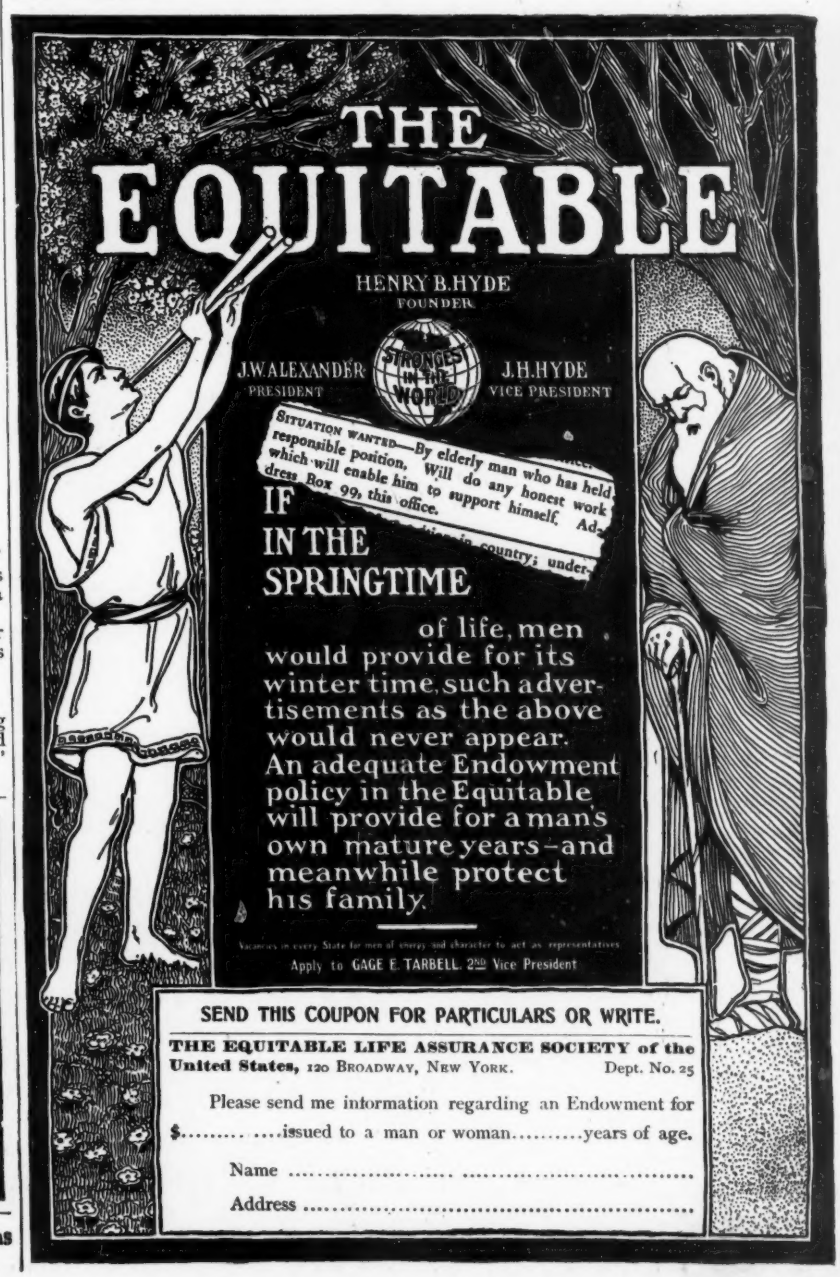

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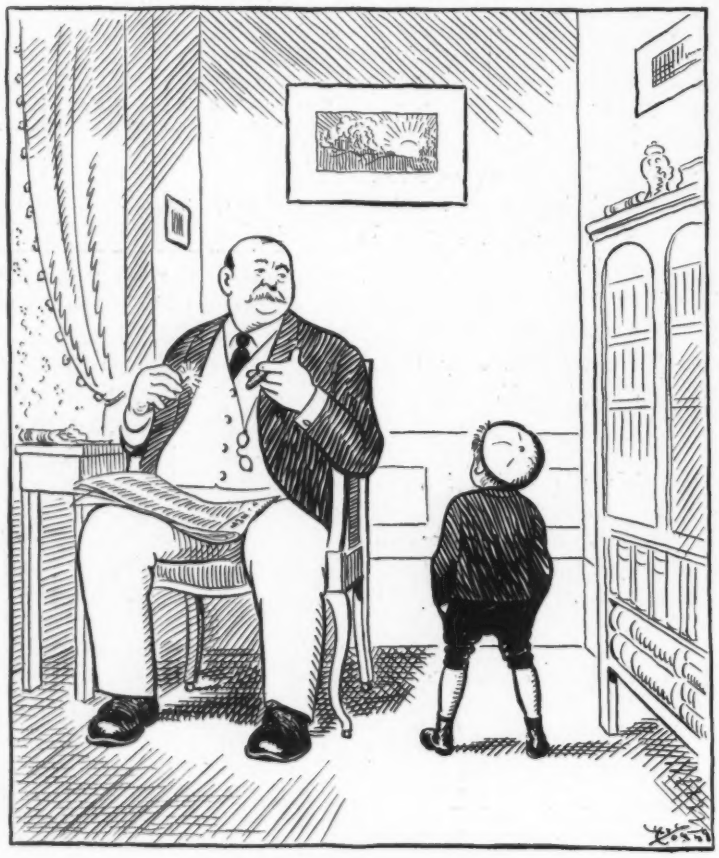

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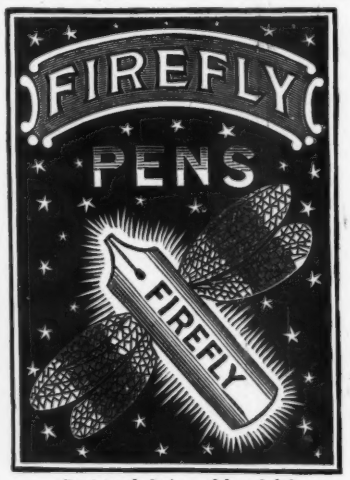

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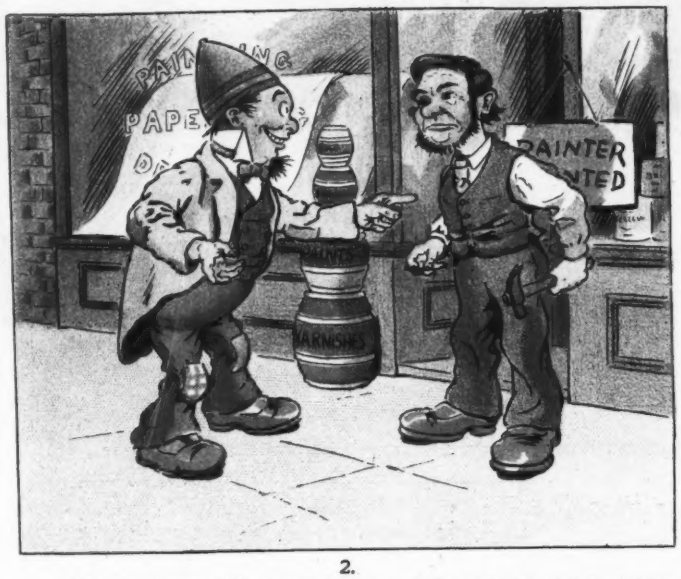

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